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REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of August 26, 2003, for which an interview summary was mailed on September 2, 2003. During this interview, the independent claims pending in the present application were discussed and an agreement was reached that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest any bracket that contacts a mounting surface only on the backside. Claims 1-4 and 7-17 are pending in the present application. By this paper, Claims 1 and 8 have been amended and Claims 11-17 have been canceled. Therefore, Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are presented for further consideration.

Each independent claim recites, or has been amended to recite the limitation of a speaker mounting bracket positioned entirely on the backside of a mounting surface that was agreed upon during the above-referenced telephone interview.

In the Final Office Action, Claims 11, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Romney* (U.S. Patent No. 3,633,250). Claims 11-17 have been canceled. This rejection is therefore moot and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant has endeavored to address all of the concerns of the Examiner in view of the recent Final Office Action directed to the above-identified application. Accordingly, amendments to the claims, the reasons therefore and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claims are presented above.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is specifically requested. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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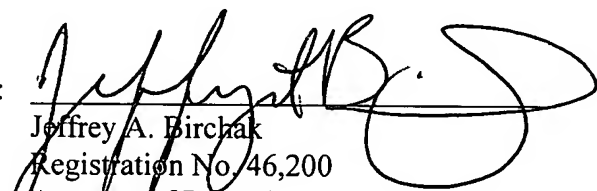
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